

About People  
and Things  
By C. B. McDowell

WAITING ON WEATHER

In his younger days, R. E. Borders had quite a reputation as an expert hog butcherer and his services were in great demand in his community. About two years ago, Cicero Rowell reported that as he was passing the Borders home on Smith Avenue on a clear frosty morning, he noticed that Mr. Borders had built a fire under a large kettle and had everything ready for hog killing. When Mr. Rowell asked him where his hog was, Bob replied, "Well, I'll be dogged, I have been so used to killing hogs whenever the weather gets right I forgot I didn't have any hog." Mr. Borders informed me on Tuesday that he now has a fine fat porker that needs killing and he is only waiting for the weather to be clear and cold.

HAYES IS NO COWBOY

As a cowboy, Charles Hayes is a better businessman. He gave his young son, Charles Jr., a pony for Christmas. Young Charles found out about it and could not wait until daylight on Christmas morning to try out his wonderful new present. Daddy Hayes saddled up the pony, but didn't know enough about cowboy tricks to adjust them properly, chancing up the saddle in such a way that the back girth worked rearward to the pony's flanks. The pony started bucking in real wild west style and young Charles was thrown into a patch of weeds.

When Charles Sr. rushed to the scene, "Son, are you hurt?" Young Charles replied, "You know very well I'm hurt. Did you see me, Daddy?" Charles Sr. replied, "Yes, I saw you between me and the moon."

FREAK OF NATURE

Rev. & Mrs. Fred L. Davis and daughter, Kathy, returned from a trip to North Georgia Friday afternoon.

They ate Christmas dinner with Rev. Davis' parents, Mr. & Mrs. O. P. Davis in Montgomery. Then they visited Mrs. Davis' father G. W. Barden, and other relatives in Dalton, Ga. They started for home Thursday morning and Rev. Davis said they witnessed a freak of nature east of Goodwater, Ala. For a stretch of about five miles the pine and other trees were bent over on account of a covering of ice. On either side of that region there were no signs of ice.

The Davis family spent Thursday night in Montgomery at the home of Mr. & Mrs. O. P. Davis, returning to Elba Friday afternoon.

MCCOLLOUGHS VISIT FLA.

Mr. & Mrs. Math McCollough are in Unadilla, Fla. on an extended visit to Mrs. McCollough's former home. She was formerly Mrs. Mary O'Neil. On a previous trip to Florida, Mr. & Mrs. Math McCollough accompanied his brother, Math, and wife, Math reports that the couple barely had time to prepare a meal before Math had their dishes packed again, ready to go back to Elba.

Mr. & Mrs. Math McCollough visited his son, W. R., and family on Christmas Eve. The latter were former residents of Elba. He is now in the construction business in Lake County.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Mrs. E. L. Alford, daughter, Miss Susanna of Chipley, Fla.; Mrs. L. A. Hutchinson of Panama City, Fla.; Mrs. Harlan Shope and daughters, Ethel and Charlotte of Mobile, were guests in the home of Mrs. J. J. Farris during the Christmas holidays.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Hatcher had as their guests at their home in Basin community during the holidays: Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Parker and family, W. S. Parker, Mr. & Mrs. L. R. McAllister, all of New Orleans, La.; Mr. & Mrs. J. I. Jaynes of Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. & Mrs. R. F. Windham of Montgomery.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Williams had as their guests Sunday New Year's Eve, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Veazey and sons, and Jerry Washburn from Greenville Ala. They bought a box lunch with them. Mrs. Veazey is Mrs. Williams' niece.

While the less fortunate are shivering in winter's icy winds, lucky girls are soaking in sunshine in Florida and California resort spots. No overcoats needed here! This pretty miss is dressed for the sun in a blue striped cotton swim suit by Cole of California. Solid and striped cotton are combined for this eye-catching effect.

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Crowded Classrooms  
Protested at County  
School Board Meeting

A delegation from the Elba High School asked relief from crowded classroom conditions at the regular monthly meeting of the Coffee County school board Friday morning. Mrs. Sam Sawyer was spokesman for the group which was promised action to relieve the situation before the beginning of the next school year.

Present at the meeting were Supt. Kenneth G. Crook and members J. E. Pittman, Jesse Brown, James Wise, Dallas Wise and E. C. Brooks, Secretary Miss Nattie Ruth Walker was also at the meeting.

Other matters disposed of included: It was ordered that the board pay \$15 to Olin Watson for damages in a wreck involving a school bus driven by Tommie Johnson.

Ordered to buy parts and repair tolls for Fairview school. Robert E. Folsom was authorized to inspect all electrical fixtures.

Ordered to pay Mr. Dixon for the piano at Pine Level school. Adopted a resolution for Supt. Crook to express the Board's appreciation to Miss Eunora Farris for her work as County Attendance Supervisor.

Mr. Brewer transferred from Sanon to Fairview school. It was decided to send the Hornsby bus to New Brockton and Frank Polson was recommended as driver.

Mr. Wiltoughby's contract to remain as signed at the beginning of the school year, when he transferred to Newbia.

Superintendent to divide the work formerly done by Mrs. Bird, Enterprise, and Miss Pope, Elba, between Miss Betty Rhodes and Mrs. Martha Kate Martin.

Salary to be the same.

State Senator Larkins  
Gets Important Spot

H. B. Larkins, newly elected State Senator from Coffee, Pike, and Crenshaw counties, has been assigned to serve on the following committees, according to a release from James B. Allen, Asst. Gov.:

Public buildings and grounds, chairman; Education, vice-chairman; Temperance; Insurance; Public Roads and Highways; Public Welfare and correctional institutions; Banking; Agriculture.

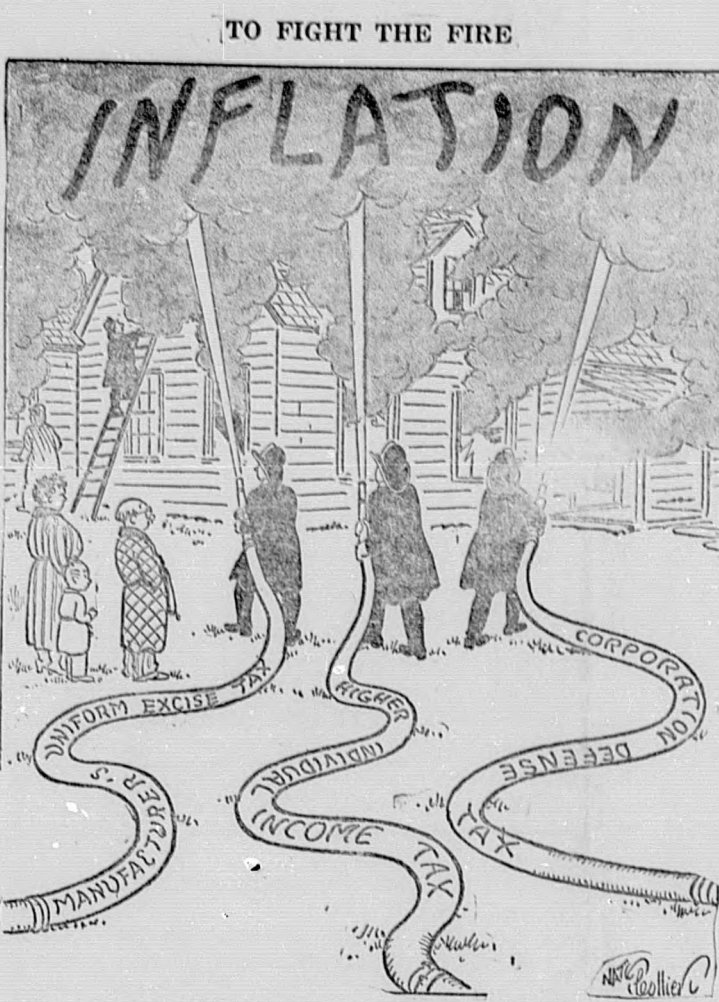
The committees to which Senator Larkins has been assigned are important, and his membership on such committees will enable him to render a public service to the people of his district and the State of Alabama.

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40 Years Ago in Elba

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Will Wilks never robbed a man. The Clipper is reliably informed that at Florida and Lockhart nothing has ever been heard of such a thing. Although the story ran that he had killed and robbed a man at Florida or Lockhart, just whose fertile imagination fabricated this yarn we cannot imagine. Mr. Wilks has not had any trouble at Lockhart, but is a hard-working man, well-thought of at Lockhart where he lives. His friends here are resentful of the story.

One of the largest crowds that has attended an entertainment in Elba in many days saw "Rip Van Winkle" at the auditorium last night. The play was pronounced the best seen this season, and the audience attested its approval by frequent and prolonged applause. The show was given for the benefit of our local fire department and the characters were principally represented by members of the fire department. Prof. Filley played the title role. The female characters were represented by Edna Mae Kates, Mildred Knight and Jarriss Jordan.

Numerous homebound notices are being published in the Clipper.

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Northern Soldier  
Appreciates Elba's  
Brand of Hospitality

To show how much soldiers in Camp Rucker and other training camps and their parents appreciate hospitality, is exemplified by the following letter received by Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Lindsey:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lindsey: I am writing this letter to thank you for being so kind to my boy on Christmas Day. I had a letter from him today and he told me the lovely dinner he had Christmas with you folks. Also, the nice time the men folks gave him afterward, taking him hunting.

I certainly was a broken-hearted mother on Christmas Day as it was the first time he had ever been away from home. As he may have told you, he is my only child and I am a widow. His father died the day before he was three years old, so I've been father and mother to him ever since. But he has repaid me ten fold, as has never given me a hour's trouble.

Here I am, going on when all I intend to do is drop you a line thanking you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness to my boy, Mrs. Madelyn Pelham, Bridgeport, Conn.

A number of other Elba citizens have entertained boys from Camp Rucker in their homes, and all report that they showed much appreciation for the hospitality.

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Win Over Communists

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Surviving are a son, T. M. Stroud; six brothers, J. M., C. H., F. M., D. M., David and G. A. Cain; a sister, Mrs. Sallie Goodson.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 26 at Pleasant Ridge Church, conducted by Rev. Pierce.

Active pallbearers were J. E. and H. C. Stroud, Charles Vaughan, Jace Smart and F. J. Hussey. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

WHITMAN RECEIVES COAL

The City Ice and Cold Storage Company announce that a carload of Deepwater Coal will arrive in Elba this week.

Local National Guard Battery Will Receive  
Physical Examinations Tuesday at Rucker

A pre-induction physical examination will be given to the local national guard battery Tuesday morning at Camp Rucker. The examination is being conducted by Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Lindsey.

Two men were discharged Jan. 1 on account of being underage. They were Emmett Hyatt and Bill Smart.

Transfer of Shelly J. Sketo to First Lieutenant from second was announced effective Dec. 28. On active duty Dec. 28 were Capt. John F. Kendrick, Sgt. Leon Devane, Sgt. Fred Moore, Sgt. Roy M. Reeves and Cpl. Donald Kelley.

Pfc. Curtis R. Dobbins returned from Ft. Sil, Okla. Jan. 1. He had been attending a radio maintenance course for four months.

Enlistments in the battery will be open until Jan. 15. There are still 22 vacancies in the local organization, Reeves said. The American Legion and state Veterans Offices have been authorized to act as recruiting offices for the 31st Division.

The American Legion will sponsor a fish fry at the Armory Friday night for the members of the battery and their wives. The feed, to be followed by a dance, is given as a farewell party for the unit. About 250 are expected to attend since the men in the battery have been asked to bring their wives or families. Veterans have also been extended an invitation.

Farmers-Merchants  
Day Will Be Carried  
Over Into New Year

Proposals to continue the Farmers-Merchants Day program into 1951 have been made by the Lions Club committee in charge of the project. Wiley Stanford announced last Saturday.

He said, "The committee proposes to continue this program on into the new year, because after Christmas is the time we will need the people to come to town. This proposal has been suggested by many of the participants, for the fact is, the worthwhile project, weekly dues still be cut in half."

"If any merchants decide to go along with this program, the committee will ask that they give one month's notice before dropping out. The committee believes that every business in Elba, including service stations, hardware shops, beauty shops, and others not previously supporting the program would benefit by cooperating in helping to make this a more attractive place to trade."

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POOR ORIGINAL







## Editor's Corner

By Paul E. Cunningham

Did anyone ever notice Dad English at the postoffice when he was sweeping out? Since coming to Elba we have been watching him sweep an old worn-out broom across the floors. All of the strings from around the top had been removed so that the straw spread out and covered a larger area. As the straw was worn almost to the handle, the idea looked logical. We thought the local office was doing its bit to keep expenses down by getting the last sweep out of that old duster.

But last week that last sweep was used up and a new broom put in its appearance. On its first day of duty Dad cut the bindings from around the top. When asked to explain this, Dad said the broom covered more area better if it was out this way. Now we are wondering if Mr. English lets him do this to the brooms a home and what Mrs. C. would say if I tried it on the broom in our household?

The Clipper has a wide reading audience in different parts of the globe. Every week a copy goes to the wife's father who runs a small tool manufacturing plant in Sheffield, England. He wrote the other day saying he

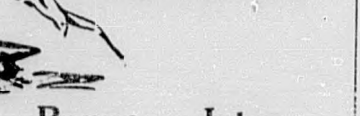
### STOP THAT TITCHING

If bothered with Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, Athletes Foot, Prickly Heat, Poison Oak, Itch, Sores on Children, Elba Drug Store will sell you a jar of Black Hawk Ointment on a guarantee. Price 60c and \$1.00.



### WITHOUT EXCEPTION

Despite the many notable funerals we have performed—our more moderate priced services are by far in the majority—and in each instance, regardless of cost, everything possible is done to achieve perfection. It is quite apparent that here it is not expensive to honor the departed with the infinite respect they deserve.



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## WOOD REPLACED STEEL

### IN LAST WAR

World War II placed big demands on the lumber industry. Metals were in critical supply; they had to be replaced by wood wherever possible.

Truck bodies, radio antennas, tubing, airplane bodies — these and numbers other items were manufactured from wood.

enjoyed the paper and read most of it—as does the lady where he stays. Over a period of time they become acquainted with many of the names which frequent the news and social columns. But neither of them can figure out what "barbecue" is. He said they lay awake nights trying to figure out whether it is something you eat, wear or drink.

"Uncle Mac" who writes "About People and Things" has written many things about a lot of people. He has poked fun at some and they have had no way to kick back at him. Often times they have threatened to write about his escapades but no one ever did—that is, until this week.

During the preholidary rush, "Uncle Mac" came in with some ad layouts, put on his glasses while explaining how the customers wanted them printed and then left. In a minute he returned saying he had left his glasses in the shop. After a thorough search failed to turn up the missing spectacles, someone glanced in our vegetable department's pocket. That's right, there were the glasses. Only thing that could have made it a better story was if he'd had them pushed up on his forehead.

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## AMERICAN LEGION

### MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Dec. 29, 1950

Commander George Huddleston, Jr., of The American Legion, Department of Alabama, has issued an appeal to the officers of the 259 American Legion posts throughout Alabama to cooperate with the 31st Division, Alabama National Guard, in recruiting the Division up to full war time strength.

Commander Huddleston pointed out that enlistment in the National Guard assures the boy of serving with neighbors and friends. He also pointed out that the Alabama National Guard had led the nation in percentage of National Guard enlistments during the past four years, and stated that this is a record of which the entire state can be proud.

Commander Huddleston asked that the American Legion officials obtain the support of other civic groups in his program. Also that Legion posts make the facilities of their club rooms available to the National Guard as recruiting centers, and to members of the Guard as recreational centers during their stay in the various communities.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Gene Vaughn during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Lovick from Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vaughn and two sons from Oak; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vaughan and Wade from Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huggins from Ramer and the two Misses Sikes from Brantley. Mrs. Vaughn has been suffering from the flu for the past week but is feeling better now.

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## THE ELBA CLIPPER, ELBA, ALABAMA

### Thursday, January 4, 1951

## RED CROSS WILL MEET

The annual meeting of the West Coffee County chapter of the American Red Cross will be held in the courthouse at 7 o'clock in the evening, Jan. 15, J. D. Whitman, chapter chairman, announced Monday.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect the board of directors and transact such other business as may be necessary for the welfare of the chapter.

Since the Red Cross has been chosen as the agency to make contact between the military and our men and women in the armed forces, some discussion will be held on this subject, Mr. Whitman said.

Plans will also have to be made to meet the increasing needs of our Red Cross work, the chairman concluded.

Anyone interested is requested to be present.

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ELBA HAS CHANCE TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK

With the youth of Elba and the United States in Korea shedding their blood for Democracy, the folks at home often wonder what they as individuals can do to advance the case for our form of government as against Communism. A person often feels his voice will be lost in the shouting of millions as we roar down the road to a terrible war with Russia.

But right here in Elba, at the end of our noses, is an opportunity to work out a problem that has vexed the community for a good while. This refers to the telephone service which members of the Lions Club, and others, have been trying to improve.

On Feb. 1, at 9:30 o'clock in the morning in Montgomery, the Public Service Commission of the State of Alabama will hold a public hearing to determine whether or not the telephone company should be allowed to increase its rates. This is an ideal opportunity for the community to take the facts before a board which sets down regulations governing public utilities here.

The Lions Club, City Council, Merchants Association, women's clubs and individuals not affiliated with any organization should name committees to go to work and get the facts for presentation at the hearing Feb. 1. Then as many people as possible should drive to Montgomery and be present at the hearing to show the public officials and telephone company representatives that the town of Elba is awake to its responsibilities, knows what the telephone service should be and at the same time make certain that public officials know both sides of the question.

Certainly, attorneys for the telephone company will be armed with statistics and factual information to support their request for a raise in rates. Their case will have its merits and after hearing the arguments, Elbans might agree with the company that higher rates are necessary.

At the same time complete information as to the number of persons on the waiting list for telephones, how long they have been waiting and factual data on long distance service should be on hand for presentation at the hearing.

To sit in Elba and gripe because the telephone service is bad is not enough. Knocking the telephone company without hearing its side of the story is not the proper way of doing it. This divides America as Russian propagandists like to see us split—the little fellow cursing big business and capitalism.

Here at one of the most crucial times in the history of the United States, Elba has a chance to prove to itself that Democracy works and is worth all the sacrifices that will have to be made. But Democracy, like any other business, won't work without some effort being put into it. Some men and women in Elba will have to work gathering the necessary data and more of us will have to take time off from our businesses to be in Montgomery Feb. 1.

If the hearing produces nothing in the way of more telephones for Elba, and doesn't improve the service, at least it will give us the chance to hear why the company serving the town can't do better at the moment. It should lessen friction between "big business" and the citizens of Elba at a time when efforts of everyone should be directed towards making this country politically and morally strong as well as militarily. It is Democracy in action in Elba and it is up to each individual here to make it work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hawkins and Kinney Ham attended the Blue and Gray football game in Montgomery Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Hickman, of Columbus, Ga., were guests of Mrs. Henry Willis and family and Mrs. Henry Thomas and family, Elba, Rt. 3, during the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Bowdoin and family, of Tallahassee, Fla., visited in the home of Mr. Bowdoin's mother, Mrs. D. A. Bowdoin, over the weekend. In studying for his doctorate degree of education at 3333 Mr. Bowdoin is an intern in school administration. For the next semester he is to intern two and one half months in the local school. One month will be spent in the county and one month in the state departments of education. He is the first person to do this in the state of Florida.

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